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SUBJECT: STATEMENTS ON CUBA BY PRESIDENT FORD AND

SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXTS OF RECENT STATEMENTS CONCERNING  
CUBA MADE BY PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ARE  
BEING FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. (FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT BY PIERRE  
SALINGER FOR THE FRENCH NEWS MAGAZINE L'EXPRESS, RELEASED  
JUNE 14.)

MR. SALINGER: ONE OF THE SETTINGS THAT COMES UP A LOT IS  
THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA. DO YOU SEE  
ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THOSE WILL BE NORMALIZED THIS YEAR?

THE PRESIDENT: I SEE NO PROSPECT AT THE PRESENT TIME  
BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN NO APPARENT CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE  
OF MR- CASTRO. UNTIL THERE IS SOME REAL CHANGE ON THE PART  
OF CUBA TOWARD THE UNITED STATES, I DON;T SEE WHERE WE WILL  
MAKE ANY CHANGE IN OUR OWN ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM.

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MR. SALINGER: AND IF THE OAS VOTED LATER THIS YEAR TO CUT

OFF THE BOYCOTT OF CUBAN GOODS, WOULD THE UNITED STATES GO ALONG WITH THAT DECISION?

THE PRESIDENT: IF THAT DECISION WERE MADE BY THE OAS, IT HAS NO IMPACT ON OUR OWN DECISION TO CONTINUE THE BOYCOTT BY THE UNITED STATES, AND OUR ATTITUDE IS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE THE BOYCOTT BY THE UNITED STATES UNTIL THERE IS SOME CHANGE IN POLICY BY CUBA TOWARD THE UNITED STATES.

3. (FROM A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION HELD BY THE SECRETARY AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE, JUNE 16.)

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER POSITIVE STEPS THAT CASTRO WOULD HAVE TO TAKE BEFORE THE U.S. STARTED TO CHANGE OUR POLICY TOWARDS CUBA?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: WE HAVE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD RESPOND TO THE POSITIVE MOVES THAT CASTRO MIGHT TAKE. AND HE HAS RECENTLY MODERATED THE TONE OF CUBAN PROPAGANDA AND EVEN TAKEN SOME LIMITED STEPS. I DON'T WANT TO GIVE A PRECISE LIST OF OUR REQUIREMENTS, BECAUSE I THINK WE SHOULD DISCUSS THOSE FIRST THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS.

BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO RECIPROcate CUBAN MOVES, AND WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT AN ANIMOISTY TOWARDS CUBA IS AN ESSENTIAL ASPECT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. KISSINGER

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